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GENERAL NEWS.

The territorial grand jury will investigate wholesale charges of election frauds in Hawaii.

Two heavy tin-plate establishments in Pennsylvania that have been closed down for several months, resume operations next Monday.

Mrs. F. M. Ybarez, a wealthy Mexican woman, was a few days ago robbed of \$5,000 worth of gems and jewelry at a New York hotel.

Both houses of the Boston city council have petitioned the city school board to have the Gaelic language taught in the public schools.

John H. Jones, a famous New York gambler and policy king, has been captured while hiding in the city. He will follow Al Adams to Sing Sing, probably.

A line of Russian freight and passenger steamers will begin running December 1, between the United States and Mediterranean and Black Sea ports.

All hope of finding Professor Hubbard and five traveling companions, who started to explore the interior of Labrador, last summer has been abandoned.

Peter McMullan, of San Jose, Cal., is suing the government for appropriation without reimbursement, certain designs of his for exterior armor plate for battleships.

The only interference with the United States isthmian policy as to present issues was expected to come from Germany, but that nation philosophically acquiesces in the entire procedure.

A huge iron gas tank exploded in Harlem, N. Y., that was used to asphyxiate dogs and cats. Five persons were injured, of whom one will die. The explosion wrecked the building and 150 dogs and cats escaped.

The courts insisted on Mrs. Elizabeth Weisen, of New York City, carrying out the terms of her husband's will, which provided for the erection of a magnificent monument in Woodlawn cemetery to his own and her memory. She is left in penury as a result.

A German-Russian financial combination has been organized to break American business influence in Siberia and Manchuria. Among its exploits is a \$3,000,000 company to work the Manchurian tin mines, which American capitalists have been maneuvering for, but are now cut out from.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

John Thompson, a cripple of Marcola, Lane county, committed suicide Friday, in a fit of despondency.

Thomas W. Ayres has been appointed county judge of Morrow county, in place of A. G. Bartholomew, deceased.

The city council of Grant's Pass has voted down the proposition to raise

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CLUB AND FEDERATION.

The meeting of the board of the state federation in Pendleton was a pleasant event during the past week. The meeting was called on Monday November 9, and a majority of the board was present.

Preparing Year Book.

The important business before the board was a discussion of the situation in regard to the federation year book. By some unexplained misunderstanding, the year book as ordered by the convention has failed to appear, an incomplete club directory being the only publication received. The board considered it absolutely necessary to have a complete year book, containing committee reports and recommendations adopted by the convention, and a committee was appointed to prepare and issue such a book at the earliest possible date.

Three of the standing committees of the federation were represented by their chairmen at the board meeting, and an unusual opportunity was afforded to review and discuss the several lines of work.

Federation is a Factor.

The Oregon Federation of Women's clubs is now an established factor in the state, recognized by the board of education, the head of state institutions and the legislative and executive powers. The federation in Oregon has arrived, and the club women of the state are to be congratulated. The federation in the state, like the club in the town, reaches its greatest influence and usefulness when its mission to suggest, and not demand, to co-operate with, and not in the least presume to dictate or lead in work already in the hands of others, is never forgotten.

The federation has been most fortunate in the past in having at the head of its working forces, (its standing committees) women of rare good judgment; wherever they have come in contact with the officials of the state in any line of suggestive and co-operative work, they have met with cordial reception, and hearty commendation. Many of the same members are still working with other new members on the state committee, and the board looks for the same wise conservatism that has characterized their action in the past. "Not a force but a power" is a motto well to bear in mind.

Various Committees' Work.

The committees of club women, under the direction of the committee on hospitality of the woman's club, did good work during the irrigation convention in showing the visitors of the city the social courtesies of the occasion. The reception and ball with governor and Mrs. Chamberlain as guests of honor was largely attended, and the ladies having it in charge received many appreciative compliments.

The various sub-committees on badges, decorations, refreshments, and reception proved to be the right people in the right places.

Mrs. J. J. Geer, president of the state federation was also an honored guest at the reception.

Woman's Club Entertained.

Wednesday afternoon the Woman's club held a called meeting at the home of its president. After the regular business was disposed of, the club held open house, and with its guests, the visiting members of the state board, a most enjoyable social hour was spent. Mrs. Geer was to have been the guest of the day, but a death in her family cut her stay short, to the universal regret of the club women, many of whom came to meet the state president. The club, its hostess and its guests greatly appreciated the thoughtfulness and courtesy of the hospitality committee in sending the beautiful chrysanthemums from Music hall to decorate the club house of the day, in honor of the guests.

Four new members were added to the club on Wednesday.

Thursday Afternoon Club.

The Thursday Afternoon Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Bert Huffman this week. The subject for the meeting was "Oregon Authors," and the following interesting program was rendered: "Sketch of Joaquin Miller and poems," from the Phillistine, by Mrs. J. E. Bean; "Select reading," from Mrs. Ella Higginson's works, by Mrs. John Halley, Jr.; "Mrs. Eva Emery Dye," by Mrs. James A. Fee; "The Isle of the Lepers," (Mrs. Higginson) by Mrs. C. F. Colosworthy; "Edwin Markham" and reading of "The Man With the Hoe," Mrs. M. J. Lane. A letter from Mrs. Higginson was read, giving briefly the inspiration and foundation of her story, "The Isle of the Lepers," which was read by Mrs. Colosworthy. A general discussion of Oregon authors followed, during which the different works of Joaquin Miller, Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Higginson, Edwin Markham and other leading authors were talked of. A small print of Millet's famous painting, "The Man With the Hoe," was passed around, following the reading of the wonderful poem by Markham. After the program, refreshments were served. Mrs. Samuel White, of Baker City, corresponding secretary of the state federation, was the guest of honor at the meeting.

Next Tuesday Afternoon Meeting.

Mrs. Skiles, chairman of the manual training committee of the woman's club calls a meeting of her committee, and all who are willing to assist in the sewing class, on Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30, at the commercial club rooms. It is hoped that the sewing class will be permanently organized next week.

Sacajawea Statue.

Attention is called to the following communication from the Sacajawea Association, received too late to present at club meetings this week. All Oregon women should be willing to contribute their mites or if able larger amounts to this patriotic cause: Dear Madam: Feeling that every town in Oregon

will want to contribute its share toward the statue that is to perpetuate the memory of the only woman in the Lewis and Clark expedition and her heroic services to them (see enclosed booklet) we have proportioned the share to be raised in each town on a basis of \$20.00 to every thousand-inhabitants as nearly as we could compute it. If every town contributes the exact amount asked it will only raise about one-third the amount required, leaving the balance to be raised in Portland and outside the state. As we will soon have to make the contract with our artist it is of the utmost importance that the matter be taken up by you as speedily as possible. We would like to have you act as the vice president of our association for your town and will leave the manner of raising the amount entirely in your hands, though we suggest it being done by soliciting among people either identified with the early history of Oregon or in the success of the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

As an incentive we have concluded to make the following offers:

First—For every \$10 sent in, individually or by a society, we will present an autograph copy of "The Conquest."

Second—To the town sending the largest amount in proportion over the sum opposite its name will be given the privilege of naming the woman to unveil the statue.

Third—To the town that sends in the sum opposite its name FIRST will be given the flag that veiled the statue.

The amounts received from time to time will be published in our daily papers. The city of Portland will not be in this competition on the last two prizes. The second offer will be left open until April 1, 1904, but we should like the sum asked as early as possible that we may be justified in making contracts for the work.

If you are not able to undertake this work yourself, you will secure for us some one in your town who will act, and let us hear from you AT ONCE that the name of the vice president may be entered upon our books.

I enclose you sample of button which we sell at 10 cents each. If you think you can sell some we will send them to you, to be paid for when sold. The money over the actual cost of the buttons will be credited to your town. We will also send you booklets if it would assist you in raising the money, hoping to hear favorably from you, we remain

Very truly,

EVA EMERY DYE, President, Oregon City.

SARAH A. EVANS, Secretary, Oswego.

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